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CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH – MEMORANDUM

TO: HON. MAYOR, CHAIRPERSON AND CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: JONATHAN EVANS, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM, CITY MANAGER

FROM: NATHAN OSGOOD, CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION TO TRANSFORM THE LINDSEY DAVIS COMMUNITY CENTER LOCATED AT 1550 WEST 28TH STREET INTO A COMMUNITY POLICE SUBSTATION**

DATE: APRIL 7, 2021

CC: GENERAL PUBLIC

Background:

Upon completion of the renovations at 2129 North Congress Avenue, the Youth Empowerment Program and Library will move into this newly reconstructed state-of-the-art facility. Consequently, this relocation will create a vacancy at the Lindsey Davis Community Center, which will result in available space to accommodate a new community police substation.

With respect to size, the Lindsey Davis Community Center structure is comprised of a two-story building that encompasses a total of 2,500 square feet and can ideally complement community policing efforts. It is planned that the substation will be used to conduct shift briefings, provide office space for report writing, meetings with staff and citizens, facilitate access for residents to walk-in to file complaints and other matters as appropriate.

Given the fact that the Lindsey Davis Community Center is located in a geographic area that accounted for approximately 32% of the City's violent crimes during year 2020, it is hopeful and expected that this move will not only strengthen community policing measures, but also serve to reduce crime and promote increased engagement with law enforcement personnel.



Citywide Goals:

Enhance Government Stewardship and Accelerate Operational Excellence

Budget/Fiscal Impact:

There is no budget/fiscal impact for this Agenda Item.

Recommendation(s):

The Police Department is recommending Council's discussion concerning this proposal to convert the Lindsey Davis Community Center into a community police substation once the Youth Empowerment Program is relocated to the new property located on Congress Avenue.

Attachments:

None

